(b) The details of funds released during the last five years to Tamil Nadu under various schemes/programmes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for welfare of the tribal people are:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Funds released
1999-2000	581.43
2000-01	334.72
2001-02	818.05
2002-03	663.29
2003-04	578.77

(c) and (d) There are nine Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDPs) functioning in the State of Tamil Nadu. The responsibility/task of the ITDPs is to supervise and monitor the implementation of projects/schemes under the tribal sub plan. The ITDPs also implement some schemes for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes.

National policy for empowering the tribals

2128. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have emphasized on a time-bound action programme for formulation of a National Policy for Empowering the Tribals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made during the year 2003-04 as against the target fixed, State-wise;

(d) the number of tribals benefited by the action programme, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to complete the action programme within the time schedule?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH) (a) to (e) A national policy for tribals is under finalization. It seeks to answer all the

concerns of Scheduled Tribes and lay down an action plan for their comprehensive development.

Schemes for tribals in urban areas

2129. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to help tribals living in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposals have been received by Government, for such help; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH) (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements several Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes/Programmes for the socio-economic development of tribal people living in rural as well as urban areas in the country. These Schemes/Programmes are meant for the welfare of all the tribal people, including those living in urban areas of the country. A list of the Schemes being implemented for the development of the tribal people is given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Receipt and sanction of the proposals from the State Governments/Union Territory Administration under the schemes of this Ministry is an on-going process. The proposals submitted by the State Governments under the various schemes of this Ministry are processed and sanctioned when they fulfill the eligibility conditions of the relevant schemes and subject to the availability of funds and the utilization of the previously released funds.

Statement

List of Schemes/Programmes being implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the development of tribal people

1. Grant-in-Aid to NGOs for Scheduled Tribes including Coaching & Allied Schemes and award for exemplary service.